





AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 2812 PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified Application as follows on the accompanying pages.